

FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2011 Families and Education Levy; approving an amendment to the implementation and evaluation plan required under Ordinance 123567 and originally approved by Ordinance 123834, for the purpose of contracting with Public Health-Seattle King County for early learning health and mental health screening and support; and ratifying and confirming prior acts.

Summary of the Legislation:

The Families and Education Levy's Implementation Plan (established via Ordinance 123834) includes five investment areas. The proposed legislation revises the original language of the "Early Learning and School Readiness" Levy investment area within the Plan to clarify that the City will contract with Public Health – Seattle King County (PHSKC) for early learning health and mental health screening and support services.

Background:

Ordinance 123567, which directly related to the establishment of the 2011 Families & Education Levy ("Levy"), stated that proceeds from the voter-approved additional taxes and interest earnings may be spent only in accordance with an implementation and evaluation plan originally adopted by ordinance, and that the Plan could be amended by future ordinance. Ordinance 123834 approved the original implementation and evaluation plan, which set forth the criteria, measurable outcomes, and methodology by which Levy-funded programs would be selected and evaluated.

The "Early Learning and School Readiness" Levy investment area within the Families and Education Levy's Implementation and Evaluation Plan is proposed to be amended to clarify that the City will directly contract with PHSKC for early learning health and mental health screening and support services (\$3.3 million over the 7-year Levy), rather than issue a Request for Investment as is currently stated in the original plan. The reason for the change is that PHSKC already has an existing early learning health program, and the City would be able to take advantage of the County's knowledge and expertise in this area by directly contracting with PHSKC for these services. For more than twenty years, the PHSKC Child Care Health Program (CCHP) has partnered with the City of Seattle to create systems that support child care providers in Seattle, with an emphasis on Step Ahead, ECEAP, and previously Head Start sites. Partnering to provide early learning health and mental health screening and support services will allow PHSKC, HSD and the OFE to seamlessly align City investments in child and adolescent health

by developing a continuum of early intervention health services for children at high risk for poor academic outcomes across Seattle early learning, elementary, middle, and high school systems. In addition, the partnership will create a system aligned with the Washington State Department of Early Learning (DEL) statewide Early Learning Plan and national movements to create universal developmental screening to ensure school readiness. Finally, the partnership will allow PHSKC to leverage approximately \$150,000-\$200,000 in Medicaid Match to expand the reach of HSD, OFE and levy investments and fulfill critical roles in the early learning system.

Please check one of the following:

X **This legislation does not have any financial implications.**

Other Implications:

a) Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?

If the legislation is not implemented, the City would issue Requests for Investment for early learning health and mental health screening and support services, rather than directly contract with Public Health – Seattle King County (PHSKC) and, as a result, the City would not be able to take advantage of the County's early learning health program experience if PHSKC is not selected as a service provider.

b) What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?

Please see answer to a) above.

c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

No.

d) What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?

If the legislation were not passed, the City would issue Requests for Investment for early learning health and mental health screening and support services, but it would then be unable to coordinate and consolidate services with the County's early learning health program if the County is not selected as a service provider.

e) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

f) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No.

g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

h) Other Issues:

N/A

List attachments to the fiscal note below:

N/A